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SUBJECT: ISRAELI RESPONSE TO SYRIAN SHELLING ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

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ISRAEL IS NOT CONSIDERING HEAVY RETALIATION FOR RECENTLY STEPPED UP SYRIAN SHELLING OF ISRAELI POSITIONS IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

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ISRAELI MILITARY EXPERTS DO NOT THINK DAMASCUS WANTS A MAJOR MILITARY ESCALATION.

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THIS WEEK'S SYRIAN ATTACKS--ALTHOUGH THE HEAVIEST SINCE THE OCTOBER WAR--WERE PROMPTED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT THE SYRIANS ARE FRUSTRATED THAT THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY POSITION IS WEAKER THAN THAT OF EITHER EGYPT OR JORDAN. AND THEREFORE NEED TO MAKE THE EXISTING SITUATION ON THE SYRIAN FRONT APPEAR INTOLERABLE TO ISRAEL AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. SYRIA'S FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ISRAEL RECENTLY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEMOBILIZE SOME OF ITS FORCES PREVIOUSLY SERVING ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT.

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